

Testimony by The
Michigan Railroads Association
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Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the House Transportation Committee for the opportunity to speak on behalf of House Bill 4609.

My name is Bob Chaprnka and I represent the freight railroads that operate here in the State of Michigan.

The Michigan Railroads Association supports House Bill 4609. Back when the Railroad Code was passed in 1993, the road authorities and railroads agreed to share 50/50 in the cost of maintaining active traffic control devices, safety lights and gates, at highway/railroad grade crossings.

The Railroad Code contains a mechanism to keep these costs current. Every ten years the Michigan Department of Transportation completes a study to determine the cost of maintaining these active traffic control devices. House Bill 4609 reflects the updated costs in the latest MDOT study.

I would be pleased to take any questions.